



News From the 2005 White House Conference on Aging

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Texas Delegates to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Announced

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) today announced the names of 42 delegates who will represent the state of Texas at the conference to be held in Washington, DC from December 11 to 14, 2005. The delegation consists of 8 delegates named by Governor Rick Perry and 34 named by members of Texas's Congressional delegation.*

Twelve hundred delegates from throughout the country will participate in the 2005 WHCoA, the fifth such conference in our nation's history. Delegates will vote on resolutions and develop implementation strategies that will help the President and Congress shape aging policies for the next ten years and beyond. WHCoA Policy Committee Chairman Dorcas R. Hardy said, "Each of us has an incredible opportunity to take action that will benefit current and future generations of American seniors. I look forward to greeting all the delegates when they come to Washington, DC energized and ready to make history."

The theme for the 2005 WHCoA is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action." The theme reflects the changing face of aging in America. The 2005 WHCoA is mandated by the Older Americans Act to focus on the interests and needs of current seniors as well as the 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 60 in 2006. Leading up to the WHCoA have been approximately 300 local, state and national events held across the nation involving more than 60,000 people with more anticipated. These events include WHCoA Listening Sessions, Solutions Forums, Mini-Conferences and Independent Aging Agenda Events.

The formula for state distribution of delegates was based on a total of 200 delegates divided among the states, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state had the opportunity to select a minimum of two delegates. Additional state delegates were based upon each state's percentage of individuals age 55 and older compared to the nation's total population of persons aged 55 and older. Each U.S. Territory, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia had the opportunity to select one delegate. The National Congress of American Indians received an allocation of 19 delegates to ensure representation from the American Indian nations. Each member of the Congressional delegation has named one delegate to the WHCoA. In addition, a number of At-Large Delegates will be selected by the Policy Committee based on an open application process that ends on June 1, 2005. Information about the WHCoA venue will be available shortly. More information about the WHCoA may be found on the website [<http://www.whcoa.gov>].

* A list of Texas's delegates announced by the WHCoA follows. The list represents delegates named by the Governor and Members of Congress. At-Large Delegates, to be selected by the WHCoA Policy Committee, will be announced later by the WHCoA.

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Gubernatorial delegates:

Governor Rick Perry

Rob Eissler	1	Austin
Glenda Kane		Corpus Christi
Albert Hawkins		Austin
Jim Hine		Austin
Karen Johnson		Austin
Chris Kyker		Abilene
Jane Nelson		Lewisville
Thomas Oliver		Austin

Congressional delegates:

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison	Glen Provost Lubbock
Senator John Cornyn	Dr. Carmel Dyer Houston
Rep. Joe Barton	Oscar Garcia Fort Worth
Rep. Henry Bonilla	Homer Lear San Antonio
Rep. Kevin Brady	Karen McKibben The Woodlands

Rep. Michael Burgess	Ramona Kennedy Flower Mound
Rep. John Carter	Audrey McDonald Georgetown
Rep. Mike Conaway	Winfree Brown Christoval
Rep. John Culberson	Lucia Bonno Houston
Rep. Henry Cuellar	Barbara Effenberger Seguin
Rep. Tom DeLay	Manuela Arroyos Rosenberg
Rep. Lloyd Doggett	Jose Gonzalez McAllen
Rep. Chet Edwards	Christopher Colenda College Station
Rep. Kay Granger	Dr. Thomas Fairchild Fort Worth
Rep. Al Green	Willie Boone Houston
Rep. Gene Green	Elia Mata Houston
Rep. Louie Gohmert	Robin Dawley Nacogdoches
Rep. Charles Gonzalez	Steve Saldana San Antonio
Rep. Ralph Hall	Hazel Wright Sherman
Rep. Jeb Hensarling	Taffy Goldsmith Dallas

Rep. Ruben Hinojosa	Jose Perez Donna
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson	Constance Smith Dallas
Rep. Sam Johnson	Carolyn D. Rice Plano
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	Charlene James Houston
Rep. Kenny Marchant	Fran Brown Carrollton
Rep. Michael McCaul	Leah Cohen Austin
Rep. Randy Neugebauer	Shirley Garrison Lubbock
Rep. Solomon Ortiz	Larry Imhoff Corpus Christi
Rep. Ron Paul	Ivan Arceneaux Galveston
Rep. Ted Poe	Betty Streckfuss Spring
Rep. Silvestre Reyes	Adam Dominguez El Paso
Rep. Pete Sessions	David Leopard Richardson
Rep. Lamar Smith	Carol Zernial San Antonio
Rep. Mac Thornberry	Betty Trotter Amarillo

